



November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Pifa (Pastoral Symphony) from Messiah" G.F. Handel
Barbara Buer, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Bartucci Family (9:00)
The Prophecy Candle The Beam Family (10:30)

***Hymn of Advent** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
No. 245 – Celebration Hymnal

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(refrain)*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go. *(refrain)*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *(refrain)*

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Loving God,
In this season of anticipation and celebration,
we quickly move from one thing to the next.
We fail to pause long enough to see the needs of our world.
We ignore the cry of the hungry.
We try to look the other way
when we could help a neighbor in need.
We're afraid to get close to those who are different from us.
We go about our business forgetting that you came into this world
to invite all people to live in your love.
Forgive us we pray.
And renew us with joy because the birth of the Savior
is good news for all people. Amen.

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***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Today at GVPC

Welcome – A very warm welcome to all worshipping with us this morning. Please record your attendance in the black friendship pad located in the pew back. We invite all visitors to the welcome table located in the Narthex to learn more about GVPC.

Thank you – To Barbara Buer for her musical contributions in today's service.

Sanctuary Flowers – Today's flowers are provided by Virginia, Glenn, Ande, and Tim Christenson in loving memory of Pam Christenson Zajdel on what would have been her 70th birthday ~ November 27; by Pastor Adrian and Janel in loving memory of Adrian's father, Harold Doll, on what would have been his 93rd birthday ~ November 28; and by John and Pam Yates who are blessed with good friends, a wonderful family and celebrating 57 years of marriage.

Advent Devotionals – The 2021 Advent devotional booklet *"Our Greatest Gift: A Wonderful Life in Christ"* by Michael Hoy is available for pick up in the Narthex. Rooted in God's Word, each daily Advent devotional includes a scripture passage and reflection richly interwoven with scenes from the classic movie, along with a brief prayer. *One per family please.*

The Journey to Bethlehem – During Advent the Sanctuary will be decorated symbolizing the Journey to Bethlehem and Epiphany as well as our spiritual journey. We begin with the figure of Joseph guiding a donkey with Mary astride, known as La Posada.

Coffee Hour - Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for coffee and fellowship. Please consider providing the treats one Sunday morning, the signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Group – All junior and senior high youth are invited to join us today from 12:00 – 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a meal, lesson, fellowship, and fun.

Sunday School - For elementary students (K – 5th) is offered today during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education Building. Nursery care for ages 0 - 5 years is available in the C.E. Bldg.

This Week at GVPC

2022 Stewardship Campaign "Everything We Have" – The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all who have prayerfully considered your stewardship in terms of financial support for the upcoming year and have returned the 2022 Pledge Card. You can still complete a pledge card and place it in the offering basket or in the Pledge Card Box in the Narthex.

Pageturners Book Club – The GVPC book club will meet this **Thursday, December 2 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room**. The Pageturners will be discussing the book *"Without Reservations"* by Alice Steinbach. The book bag with this month's book is in the church office.

Ladies Luncheon – This **Thursday, December 2 at 11:30 am** will be at the Garden Buffet at South Point Casino. We will meet at the buffet between 11:15 and 11:30 am to go in as a group. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Usher Training – Are you interested in assisting in the weekly worship service as an usher but are unclear what responsibilities this involves. All current ushers and future ushers are invited to attend a training session on **Sunday, December 5 at 11:30 am** in the Sanctuary.

Men's Group - The Men's Study Group meets on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for a time of fellowship, discussion, and study. The group is currently studying "*Reading Biblical Literature – Genesis to Revelation.*"

Monday Night Women's Bible Study – Meets on **Mondays at 6:30 pm** in the Conference Room. We will be watching and discussing "The Chosen," the critically acclaimed video series based on the life of Jesus.

Ladies Bible Fellowship – Will meet this **Wednesday, December 1 at 10:00 am** in the Conference Room. All ladies are invited to join us.

KnitWits - All knitters are invited to join the Knit Wits every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the Conference Room for a time of knitting, socializing, fun, and lots of laughter.



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